

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus to configure, monitor and manage network devices without regard for device type and/or manufacturer is disclosed. One implementation of this embodiment includes a network manager unit disposed between the network administrator and the network devices. The network manager unit allows the administrator to holistically view, configure and manage an entire network without regard to device type and/or manufacturer. The administrator can implement this holistic approach with the use of a central repository for all configuration information and/or a central posting location for all network events.

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